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Review of Office of
Security Files on E. Howard
Hunt.

Periodic File Summary.

Vol I.

1. A letter to the Director, FBI, dated 6/17/49 requests ~~an~~ an investigation of Hunt. The reason given is that he is an applicant for employment.
2. A memo to the files, dated 6/24/49, reports that Hunt had been attached to OSS on 2/7/45 and was released from OSS on 12/6/45.
3. A memo dated 9/29/49 reports that Hunt served in the Air Force until 1/46. He was employed by the ECA from 5/48 to 2/49. During the periods when he was not employed he was writing. This memo recommends security approval.
4. Memo dated 10/19/49 reports that Hunt was given "a security clearance on 30 September 1949 to serve in an overt capacity as a Plans

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Officer for Programs and Planning."

5. Hunt is assigned as an Intelligence Officer in OPC on 11/8/49.
6. A memo from Hunt dated 2/27/50 says that during 1948 + 1949 he worked for the ECA, "ranking as Attaché of the American Embassy, Paris."
7. Memo dated 12/11/50 re: interview with Hunt ~~to~~ who is resigning to accept a job with the Department of State.
8. A travel order dated 2/6/53 lists Hunt's position as Deputy Chief of Station, Mexico City. He is going on home leave before reassignment. There is a similar travel order dated 4/16/53.

9. Request for Personnel Action dated 5/18/53. Reports Hunt's appointment as an Operations Officer in the ODP/SE, SE Political and Psych Warfare Staff, Office of the Chief, Washington
10. In 1/54 Hunt traveled through the SE area to review operations and for field consultations (from travel orders) His itinerary included France, Germany, Italy, Greece, Turkey and Egypt.
11. An overseas processing sheet dated 5/21/54 lists Hunt with ODP/FE, P+P Staff and reports that he will be traveling to Tokyo on 5/27/54.
12. Carbon of reassignment order dated 4/7/54 to ODP/FE, etc

- 13 A request for security certification dated 10/22/56 reports that Hunt is being assigned to Montevideo, Uruguay and will be leaving on or about 3/1/57
- 14 Request for Personnel Action dated 10/16/56 requests Hunt be reassigned from DDP/FE, North Asia Station, PP Staff to DDP/WH, Branch II, Montevideo, Uruguay Station as "Area Ops Off (COS)"
- 15 Travel orders dated 11/19/56 for Hunt to go to Havana and return. lists his station as Washington
- 16 Travel order dated 6/27/56 Hunt to Uruguay. lists his official station as Montevideo.
- 17 Interview processing sheet dated 1/25/57 reports Hunt

is departing for Uruguay on 1/25/57 and is under state cover. He was polygraphed on 1/11/57.

18 Request for approval or investigative action dated 6/18/65 requests a "Contract Type A" for "Hunt for use in Madrid, Spain."

19 Contract Type A Security Approval granted on 6/23/65. A polygraph interview is waived. Security official tells me that a ^{CONTRACT} type A is a person fully cleared as a result of a background investigation and a polygraph. Any difference from Staff Employee is that "Type A" is on contract and can be terminated. "Type A" is also geared towards a specific job.

[Incorrect Statement]

20. Clearance action report dated 9/21/66 reports that Hunt is converting from a Contract Type A to Staff.
21. Special Clearance and/or Billet Approval dated 9/23/66 reports Hunt's Position as ODP/EUR, Asst to Chairman, NATO Intel. Coll. Wkg. Group. It requests special clearances for Hunt and says: "Mr Hunt has been ~~assigned~~ ~~to~~ designated assistant to Chairman, NATO Intelligence Collection Working Group (USIB), and is required to appraise the effect of possible changes in the NATO structure on U.S. collection capabilities".
22. Routing and Record Sheet dated 18 March 1969 calls Hunt "Chief, EUR/CA" reports last ^{FBI} investigation

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in 1949 and that he has not been reinvestigated "apparently because he was either overseas or a staff agent"

23. blind memo dated 1/70 reports how Live Us This Day got into the Agency's hands

24. Memo dated 11/27/72 reports that routine ~~was~~ reinvestigation of Hunt was undertaken in 1969 and completed in 1970.

25. Supplemental PHS: dated 3/20/67
A. 7/65-7/66 Madrid
B. 6/62-7/65 ~~Washington~~ ^{SUMNER, MD}
C. 9/66-"present" Potomac MD
under nominal State cover.

26. 5 PHS, dated 10/29/62:
1/57-6/60 - Montevideo } Resi.
7/60-10/60 - Mexico City }
10/60-7/61 WASH.
TO "PRESENT" "

Volume II

1. Cable (MONT 35-30) dated 2/9/60 says: "According to Ambassador Woodward, ~~Re~~ President Nardone has stated that during his private talk with President Eisenhower he intends to request President Eisenhower to cancel [Hunt's] transfer permit remain in present capacity."
2. Handwritten note dated 6/22/60 says that Hunt is "up for JMARC" and that Tracy Barnes is "pushing him for JMARC post" ^{SIGNED} ~~Written~~ by what appears to be
employee
3. Handwritten note by same individual dated 6/23/60: " ^{employee} stated Hunt scheduled for TDY to Cuba on 27 June 60 + then proceed under commercial

cover to Mexico City PCS -
both JMARC duties...

^{employee} said information
that Barnes was pushing
Hunt for JMARC not true -
Barnes is an interested
friend "

4. Memo from DOS/Investi-
gations and Operational
Support to DOS dated 6/23/60
"2. Mr. ^{employee} [Security
Officer from Project JMARC]
stated that the Subject [Hunt]
is to go on PCS basis to
Mexico under commercial
cover as a writer. He will
be the political action
man for the Project in
Mexico as a representative
to the FRO.... Prior to his
PCS assignment to Mexico,
Subject is going to Cuba
for a week or so on a
sort of orientation basis.

3. Mr. ^{employee} stated that
the Subject has impressed him
as something of a character

and free wheeler. He said that the Subject indicated a need for an automobile to be purchased for him for use in Mexico and strongly requested a convertible for this purpose. Also, he requested permission to carry a gun. While he cannot speak officially of course, informally Mr. ^{Employee} would be just as happy to see the Subject not used on the Project. "

5. An official routing slip indicates that J.C. King was briefed on Security's reservations about Hunt signed by R. Bannerman and dated 27 June.
6. Investigative file memorandum dated 6/20/60 recommends that routine repolygraph of Hunt be waived.
7. ~~MON~~ MONT 4124 dated 11/6/60

reports that Hunt has told some of his old friends in Uruguay that he is now working on "Cuban Problem."

8 Memo to Chief SRS/OS, from ^{EMPL 482} Chief IRB/SRS/OS dated 1/24/61
re: above cable says:
"Subject [Hunt] has been a problem in the past and apparently continues to be a problem."

9. Request for Personnel Action dated 5/29/62: reassignment effective 7/1/62; CF to CF, ODP/DOOS, Facilities Branch, Research and Publications Section, Washington as Ops Officer (Ch.). Under "Remarks": "PRA Requested per R-20-10, para 10C(2) for a period of 90 days.
ODP/CA Staff

Office of the Chief / 43-4 "
Security officer says that a PRA is when an employee

is filling a lower GS level job than G. S. Level he has.

10. Notification of ~~a Military~~ Establishment of Military Cover Backstop dated 9/21/62. Backstop established with U.S. Army Element, Composite Operations Group.
11. Reassignment Processing Form dated 7/5/62 states assignment to DDP/PODS + says that Hunt is "approved for domestic assignment."
12. Request for Personnel Action dated 11/15/61; reassignment effective 11/26/61; CF to CF, to DDP/CA Staff, Plans and Research Group, Evaluation Branch, Washington, as an Ops. Off. from DDP/WH/BR 4/Temporary.
13. R & PA dated 1/17/62; reassignment effective blank; CF to CF, to

DDP/CA Staff, Office of the Chief, Wash, as an Ops Officer.

14. Memo from Hunt to the OS dated 11/7/62 asking that ^{OS CONCURRENCE} ~~BE GIVEN~~ his wife ~~be given~~ clearance to work part time doing "translations, statistical research and occasional letters for the Spanish Ambassador."

15. Memo from Sheffield Edwards (DOS) to Hunt dated 11/15/62 says that the proposed job for his wife is "incompatible with Hunt's Agency Employment & could cause official embarrassment. Accordingly, the request is disapproved from the ~~security~~ standpoint of security."

16. Handwritten memorandum for the record dated 11/19/62

reports that a security officer has reported that Hunt is considering an appeal from the security disapproval of Hunt's wife's job.

17. 11/14/62 Memo from Employee Activity Branch /PSO/OS to Chief, Personnel Security Division, OS.

• recommends disapproval of request for security for wife's job

"Subject's file indicates that he has been a continuing security problem because of a tendency to disregard regulations and established procedures."

18. Memo from Appraisal Section to Chief dated 4 Feb, 1963.

Hunt checked under ~~a~~ RIP @ negative responses at FBI, CSC, police & credit in D.C. Recommends polygraph.

19. Memo for the record from ~~DD~~ Dep. Dir. of Security (PPS) dated 2/8/63. reports Hunt call asking whether wife should register under "Foreign Agents Registration Act." since she was doing translation work for the Spanish Embassy. Hunt is reported as fuzzing on answering a question about OS approval and saying his wife is so independent that she would take the job regardless of what he said.
- 20 Memo for the record, undated, by Hunt:
 "Subject: Procurement of Intelligence by Mrs. Dorothy L. Hunt"
1. On 25 February 1963, I delivered to Mr. W. Lloyd George, Chief, FI, three fax copies of a memorandum and a letter of transmittal dated 18 and 20 February

respectively. Both were prepared by Ambassador Antonio Garrigues for Prince Stanislas Radziwill and taken to the latter in New York by Alfonso de Borbon, 2d Secretary of the Spanish Embassy in Washington.

2. The purport of the material was to enlist the aid of Radziwill in (a) persuading the President to visit Madrid during his next European trip, and (b) conveying to the President the views of Ambassador Garrigues regarding U.S. - Latin American relations.

3. Mr. George regarded the material too sensitive to be handled by routine means, and decided to show it only to Mr. Helms.

4. On 27 February 1963, Mr. George telephoned me to say that he had just shown the material to Mr. Helms who

speculated whether ~~or not~~ ⁺ he ought not take it to the White House at once. Mr. George demurred, pointing out the sensitivity of the source (my wife), whereupon Mr. Helms indicated that nothing should be done with the material until Mr. George returned from a Far East trip and could consider the matter farther.

5. Mr. George then asked Mr. Helms whether my wife should register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, and Mr. Helms said that under the circumstances she absolutely should not."

21 Official Routing Slip asks Tom(?) Winters: "Prepare a memo via Tracy Barnes to Tom Karamessines re wife's employment. - Is it in Agency's interests and does it have operational benefits? - if not it is contrary to agency policy - do they want an exception." dated 15 Apr. FROM BANNERMAN

22 Official routing slip dated 2/18/63 from P/OAB and Mr. [redacted] that "Subject is not to be reported under RIP at this time."

23 Memo for record by [redacted] dated 18 April 1963. Discussed Hunt's memo + Bannerman's RS with [redacted] Winters on 16 April. [redacted] is worried because the situation could be embarrassing because "Mrs. Hunt is engaging in intelligence collection in the United States - without any official sanction for such activity." This was the problem anticipated when OS denied permission for the job. Both Winters + [redacted] were concerned that the letter Bannerman suggested "might really 'stir up' all sorts of problems" because of the question of how the Security Officer

of DODS had gotten info that had been "handled on extremely high levels in the DDP complex." So they decided to ask Mr George if ~~Mr~~ it was intended to use Mrs Hunt operationally before writing the letter. ~~They~~ ^{employee} talked to George on 17 April who said he was not aware of OS disapproval and that there considerations were valid. George said that he would take the matter up @ Helms and Karamessines, and that the letter not be sent until the meeting between him, Helms, Karamessines and an OS rep had occurred.

24. Memo for Dir of Sec. from Chief /FI dated 5/10/63 says: "I have discussed the point raised by you with Mr Helms and while we agree in principle, we

believe that there is sufficient gain from the contact and certain peices of information to take the calculated risk..." This will continue until she quits on 6/30 due to pregnancy.

25. Routing and record sheet to Gordon Mason, Sp. Asst. to DDP; DDP and Mr Chretien; from A/DO/CA dated 6/1/64 - under comments:

typed: "The attached draft column by Bill Buckley will appear in 75 U.S. newspapers, including the Scripps-Howard chain, during the week of June 8.

The background of this placement is the fact that Buckley worked for me as a Staff Agent in Mexico 1950-51 and we have remained close friends."

in script: "a copy of this has been sent to the Director. Will you please forward to Mr. Elder biographical material on Wm. Buckley."

This is initiated by the same person who initialled the box next to "DDP"

Attached is a letter from Buckley to Hunt dated 5/28/64 and an article entitled "Hate CIA Week."

"Dear Howard:

Here it is. You will note we had to cut fifteen lines because it was over. But I hope it helps.

Thanks a million for all the work you did on it.

I managed to read only about one-third of the book and depended on you for the rest. Give me a ring soon. Hastily, Bill.
The article is a review of The Invisible Government.

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26. Routing and record sheet dated 7/28/64 says
"In view of the deferrals in the RIP action since 1962 and the fact that subject was polygraphed in 1953 and 1957 I believe closing of the RIP without further action is in order."
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employee C/TRS
27. Req. for B Per Action dated 7/9/64; reassignment, CF to CF to DDP/DDO, U.S. Field, CA Staff as Ops. Officer - CH.
28. Official Superior's Report of Injury. On 10/9/64 Hunt leaves work due to a hemorrhaging duodenal ulcer.
29. Request for Personnel Action dated 2/16/65; Reassignment CF to V, to O/DDP, Ops Group (marked out: "Operational Services, Office of the Chief" "Ops Grp." handwritten in)

as an Ops. off.
 remarks: "This employee is the only qualified person available for assignment to this position which must be filled immediately. He will be in PRA status for a period not to exceed 24 months."

- 30 Undated memo (Cover slip dated 12/8/64) from C/Investigations Division to C/SRS, since 11/19/63 three Covert Security Approval requests have been made by Hunt's office (A/DO/CA). These are requests for approvals for Ghost writers. All these individuals proved to be "of very dubious loyalty." On 11/19/63 Hunt requested a clearance for Alden L. Todd. This case was cancelled on 12/5/63 after derogatory information was discovered. On 12/9/63 Hunt requested clearance

for Boosten Herndon. A clearance with severe restrictions was given over ~~the~~ "serious security objection. Hunt cancelled the case on 5/14/64 because the burden of the restrictions. On 8/21/64 a member of Hunt's office requested a clearance for Quentin Reynolds, a personal friend of Hunt. On 11/27/64 the case was withdrawn.

3/ A notification of establishment of Official Cover backstop dated 1/6/67 lists Hunt's cover history as:

Oct 49 - Dec 50	HQS/Overt
Dec 50 - Mar 53	Mexico/State
Mar 53 - June 54	HQS/Overt
June 54 - Oct 56	JAPAN/DAC
Dec 56 - Jul 60	Uruguay/State
Jul 60 - Jul 65	HQS/DAC
Jul 65 - Sep 66	contractual employment O/DDP AS consultant

32. A Special Clearance and/or Billet Approval dated 2/25/69 lists Hunt as "Chief, EUR/CA"
33. A Spec. Clear. a/o Bil. App. dated 9/26/66 lists Hunt as being part of DDP/EUR/SAS.
34. A SC a/o BA dated 8/15/68 says: "As DD/P representative on the CIA team preparing historical material for the Johnson library, Mr Hunt will be required to have access to documents" which require special clearances.
35. Routing slips attached to a 2/6/70 memo re "Give Us This Day" indicate that the book was not submitted to the Agency for review.
36. Memo for the Record by C/SRS dated 2/17/70: A summary of "Give Us..." was given to Thomas Karamessines who

read it + immediately called Hunt in. Hunt at first professed ignorance and then acknowledged authorship. He denied having anything to do with trying to get it published.

37. Documents indicate that Hunt + the Agency tried to round up all the copies of the manuscript.
38. Request for Personnel Action dated 4/21/70 indicates that Hunt is going ~~into~~ into voluntary retirement.
39. Biographic profile (Part I) lists the following CIA employment History:

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	Position	GS	ORGAN	LOCATION
Nov 1949	I. O. (editor)	13	OPC/PPS+E/Programs	HQ
Dec 1950	I. O.	13	OPC/LA/OPS/COS	MEXICO CITY
Jun 1951	I. O.	14	OPC/LA/DCom	"
Aug 1953	OPB.OFF	15	DDP/SE/CH, Postaff	HQ
Jun 1954	OPS.OFF (PPS)	15	DDP/FE/SR-NM/CH	TOKYO
FEB 1957	AREA OPS OFF.	15	DDP/WH-II/COS	MONTREVIDEO
NOV 1960	OPPS OFF	15	DDP/WH-4	HQ
Jun - Nov 1961	detailed for office of the DCI			
NOV 61	OPS OFF.	15	DDP/CAS/Plans+Research/CH/Eval Br.	HQ
JAN 62	"	15	DDP/CAS/OC	"
JUL 62	"	15	DDP/DOOS/Facilities/CH, R+P sec	"
AUG 64	"	15	DDP/DOO/US Field/CH, CAS staff	"
FEB 65	"	15	DDP/DOE for the DDP/OPS Group.	"
JULY 1965 - SEP 1966	contract employee			
SEP 66	OPS OFF.	15	DDP/WH-1/OPS staff	HQ
JAN 67	"	15	DDP/EUR/Spec Mat+Staff	"
AUG 68	"	15	DDP/EUR/OPS Staff	"
APR 70	Retired.			

- 40 Application for Retirement signed by Hunt dated 4/14/70
- 41 Interview report dated 4/24/70: Reason for interview is retirement on this date. Staped at bottom is a slip of paper which says:
 "Howard Hunt
 Robert R. ~~H.~~ Mullen + Co.
 1729 H Street, NW
 Washington, D.C. 20006
 ME 8-2526
 Public Relations (holographic)"
 Written in beside this is:
 "firm has offices in London & Tokyo. Subject already has associated himself with the firm indicated. Subject stated that Mr. Karamessines has indicated that he wishes subject to 'stay in touch' — that the firm does provide cover for one person."
 signed by Edward K
 (unclear but probably)
 Schott

42 Memo for the Record by ^{employee} about the

David St. Johns article;
interview @ Raymond
Rocca; dated 2/14/74.

Follow-up in info in files
that two people ^{(PAUL GAYNOR}

~~CI/OPS~~ believed CI/OPS ^{employee}

had knowledge of Hunt's
writing activities. Rocca
was asked specifically about

- 1) any form of official ^{OR ENCOURAGEMENT} sponsorship of Hunt's work;
- 2) any assistance was asked
for from CI/OPS.;
- 3) any relationship between
that staff & Hunt.

"In response to these
questions Mr. Rocca
responded 'on the record'
that he has no knowledge
of any such arrangements
nor at any time was he
party to any assistance
or any requests for."
to Mr. Hunt. Mr. Rocca
stated that the particular
section which he had been

most actively concerned in the past years was responsible for handling a variety of tasks categorized under the area of 'setting the record straight.' In this sense, the 'image' mission of the office was to counter misinformation currently in the media or otherwise believed to be a part of an effort to discredit the Agency. Mr. Rocca feels that any assumption that Mr. Hunt was engaged in any form of Agency sponsored image activity would have probably lead to the conclusion that it was done under the Counter Intelligence Operations. However, Mr. Rocca emphatically stated that this was ~~not~~ the case. Mr. Rocca did venture the opinion that he felt that in all probability an official

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acquiescence on the part
of senior officials might
have been involved
rather than an official
sponsorship..."

B.

Red Line Volume

1. A Support Branch Verbal Request dated 6/14/63 requests that a P.O. Box be opened in Washington for Hunt under his alias.
2. Confirmation of 1 above by memo dated 6/18/63. This memo says the Box will be used indefinitely, should be serviced daily and that the volume should be light.
3. Envelope: "Documents regarding Hunt's 'Letter Address' (Accommodation address) set-up in 1963 and terminated in 1965 - (address is still being used by another individual)"
4. request for CSA for Hunt dated 6/3/70. Cover Staff requesting so that he can be made witting of relationship with Mullen & Co.

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The attached routing sheet says: "Security would not grant the requested clearance unless C/DDP was personally apprized of their interest and written concurrence was obtained."

5. Memo to DDP from CCS dated 10/14/70. ~~Paragraph 4~~
The memo says that OS will not grant the clearance without assurance that the DDP "does not have an overriding interest or objection." Paragraph 4 says:

"Inasmuch as Mr. Hunt is already witting of the current cover arrangement with the company which he reportedly will soon ^{HEAD} lead and because the use of the company in other locations where it has cover potential would require his knowledge and

assistance, CCS requests that you approve the clearance."

The recommendation was approved on 10/14/70 by Thomas Karamessines who asked to be kept posted.

An attached routing slip says that Security's reservations stemmed from the book "Give Us This Day."

6. Memo for the Record dated 9/13/74 by S. D. Breckinridge reports learning of the tramp photo allegation from John Hicks who had heard it from Art Lundahl who had heard it from Sam Jaffe. The memo notes ~~it~~ the info was also passed to the DCI and OLC.

7. Memo for the record by Breckinridge dated 9/20/74

reports Hunt's files have been reviewed to determine his location on 11/22/63.

For 4 week pay period ending 11/23/63 Hunt took 11 hrs. sick leave + no annual leave. Following pay period he took 3 hrs sick leave and 27 hours annual leave. Travel records show official travel to New York in 9/63, 10/63 + 12/63. There was no official travel in 11/63.

8. Jack Anderson Article: "A Bum Rap for Frank Sturgis in Miami" from the WP, Tuesday, April 16, 1974, p B15. Praises Sturgis + dismisses allegation.

9. Memo for the Record ^{employee} by [redacted] dated 10/15/74, to record actions taken regarding allegations based on trump

photos: met with Seymour Bolten, Special Assistant to the DDO on 10/10/74:

"I discussed the action that I had taken with respect to this allegation approximately six weeks ago at the request of the Director of Security. At that time various courses of action were discussed but our action was limited to a review of both [Hunt + Sturgis'] files and a search of our records which produced the Jack Anderson article referred to above and which is attached ~~3~~ (This article was made available to Mr. John Richards of the IG Staff at that time.)

4. Mr. Bolten appeared satisfied and advised that no further action appeared necessary at this time. However, he expressed some

concern over the possibility that we might have to re-open the matter again if and when the Agency is ever asked about same by one of the Congressional oversight committees insofar as the allegation pertains to Hunt because he was an Agency employee on the date in question. If this should occur, we would probably have to produce evidence that Hunt was not in Dallas on that day. We discussed various courses of action that we could take in this regard if necessary. "

10. Memo for the Record states that DD5+T have been asked to compare the tramping photo with a photo of Hunt - "DD5+T's conclusions are unknown" dated 5/28/75.